

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0013] bridging pages 5 and 6 as follows:

[0013] A preferred embodiment of this invention consists of a device for delivering a beneficial agent through the stratum corneum. The device comprises a member having a plurality, and preferably a multiplicity, of stratum corneum-piercing microprotrusions. Each of the microprotrusions has a length of less than 500 μm , or if longer than 500 μm , then means are provided to ensure that the microprotrusions penetrate the skin to a depth of no more than 500 μm . In one embodiment, the microprotrusions have a thickness of less than 25 micrometers. These microprotrusions have a dry coating thereon. The coating, before drying, comprises an aqueous solution of a high potency pharmacologically active agent. The pharmacologically active agent is sufficiently potent to be pharmaceutically effective in a dose of less than about 1 mg and preferably less than about 0.25 mg, per application. The pharmacologically active agent is selected to have a water solubility of greater than about 50 mg/ml and the composition has a viscosity less than about 500 centipoises(cp) in order to effectively coat the microprotrusions. The solution, once coated onto the surfaces of the microprotrusions, provides a pharmaceutically effective amount of the pharmacologically active agent. The coating is further dried onto the microprotrusions using drying methods known in the art. In one embodiment the coating comprises a loading of the pharmacologically active agent of less than 1 mg/cm² of area of said member. In another embodiment, the coating comprises a loading of the pharmacologically active agent of less than 0.5 mg/cm² of area of the member.